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City of Barrie

Final

Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee

Thursday, February 1, 2024 | **5:30 PM** | **Sir Robert Barrie Room**

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE REPORT
For consideration by Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee on March 6, 2024.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Councillor, AM. Kungl at 5:31p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 9 - Councillor A.M. Kungl
J. Bourne
N. Flinn
D. McKeown - Nature Barrie
J. Northcote
S. Schwartz - Living Green
W. Steimle
E. vanWesenbeeck
D. Waters

Absent: 3 - Councillor B. Hamilton
L. Hoffarth
K. MacLeod - SMDHU

STAFF:
Coordinator of Elections and Special Projects, T. McArthur
Senior Project Manager of Transportation Planning, B. Gratrix.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

STAFF UPDATES ON CITY PROJECTS

Brett Gratrix, Senior Manager of Transportation Planning, provided an update on the Bayfield Street Transportation Improvements, the Notice of Study Commencement, and the Public Information Centre No. 1.

Mr. Gratrix discussed the Ministry of Transportation's (MTO) plan to replace the existing Bayfield Street Highway 400 interchange and crossing structure starting in 2026. He commented that the project will improve the interchange traffic operations and active transportation infrastructure with the MTO's project limits from Grove Street to Coulter Street.

Mr. Gratrix advised that this project is in the early stages of the process, that the Notice of Study Commencement was issued on January 16, 2024, and the Public Information Centre No. 1 will be held on March 29, 2024.

Members of Committee asked a number of questions of Mr. Gratrix and received responses.

WORK PLAN

Councillor, AM. Kungl provided an overview of comments and ideas that the Committee members identified for the work plan, and its goals for the Committee's term of office.

Councillor Kungl discussed slides concerning the following findings:

- Work plan goals ranked by priority related to active transportation;
- Sustainability for the work plan goals;
- Other ideas for the Committee's work plan;
- Identifying pillars for active transportation and sustainability; and
- The seven pillars of sustainability for the Committee to focus.

The Committee agreed to form five working groups with 3 to 5 Committee members and report back to the Committee with their findings.

The Committee identified the following five working group topics:

1. Natural Environment
2. Food Production (Security)
3. Active and Non-Active Transportation
4. Circular economy
5. Housing and Building Energy (Commercial/Residential)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

CHAIRMAN